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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: **NOVEL PYRIDAZINONE DERIVATIVES AS  
PHARMACEUTICALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM**  
Inventors: Swen HÖLDER et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 127 pages, including the title page and the abstract, and including 1 independent claim and 28 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (5 pages).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>						<b>\$ 770.00</b>
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	28	-	20	8	X \$ 18	\$ 144.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	X \$ 86	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					+ \$ 290	= 0.00
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6. A check for \$ 914.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$ 144.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 021 4443, filed November 19, 2002, in France.. Applicant also claims the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/438,336, filed January 7, 2003, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

**Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.**

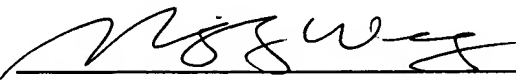
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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